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Docket No. 00P18897

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Klaus Schadhauser

) Group Art Unit: 2858

Serial No.: 09/961,315

) Examiner: John Teresinski

Filed: September 25, 2001

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For: Operating Device For Gas Discharge Lamps

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With Detection Of Filament Breakage

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period for response is set to expire three months after said date, please reconsider the above-entitled Application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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